

BBC Bridge

TUNING IN YOUR BRIDGE COMPANION

Your television set has to be tuned in to the signal produced by the Bridge Companion in much the same way as one would tune in a radio or television set to your local station.

It is highly likely that your television set has push-button tuning. You or your television supplier will have already tuned your set so that stations appear at the depression of one of these buttons. It is, therefore, necessary to set up your television set so that the Companion will also appear when you push one of the spare push button controls. This is simple to do.

We will not call these push-buttons 'channels' for reasons which will be explained later. Your set will have a range of small adjusting knobs which are usually located behind a flap at the front or to the side of your television set. Each one of these adjusting knobs will be associated with one of the push button controls. Having turned on your Bridge Companion and connected it to the aerial socket of the television set you must push the button which you wish to use for the Bridge Companion. Turn the adjusting knob associated with the selected button until you get the best picture on the screen. It may not be the first picture you see as there are two positions very close together, so you must choose the best one.

The frequency of the signal produced by devices which connect into television sets such as home computers etc., will alter as the device 'warms up'. Unfortunately, the Bridge Companion is no exception. So during the first fifteen minutes of operation you may have to readjust the tuning of the television set. To avoid the annoyance of having to retune, some owners use two of the spare push-buttons for the Bridge Companion. They set one button tuned to the Bridge Companion when first switched on, the second tuned to the frequency of the Bridge Companion when it has 'warmed up', after about fifteen minutes. Television stations get round this problem by turning on their equipment long before they start transmitting!

As we said above we are not using the term 'channel' to describe these push-buttons. This is deliberate in order to avoid confusion in describing the new range of television sets equipped with digital tuning. These new sets are tuned in by keying in the actual channel number (from 21 to 69). The Bridge Companion uses channel 36. Key this in and use the + and - controls to get the best picture. Store that setting in one of the preset memories. One can store the setting for the Bridge Companion when 'cold' in (say) memory 6, and the setting when the Bridge Companion has 'warmed up' in memory 7. Tuning in these digital televisions can be quite complicated so we suggest you read the instructions given with the set.

If your set has a switch marked 'AFC', you must turn this to 'off' whilst tuning, but turn it back to 'on' when you have finally tuned in the Companion.

For further information about using your Bridge Companion please read the operating manual.